

# SHIPPING BOARD SAYS "NO COMPROMISE" AS MARINE WORKERS ARE "WALKING OUT"

## Chairman Benson Maintains That Economic Conditions Fully Justify 15 Per Cent Wage Reduction—Calls Upon "All Loyal Citizens to Rally to the Support of the Flag"—Promises Full Protection Both Now and After the Controversy is Settled—"Walkouts" of Marine Workers in All Ports Are in Progress in Response to the Calls of the Union Leaders—Instructions Have Been Sent to New London Directing Men to Quit Towboats—President Brown of the Marine Engineers Predicts That the Ship Owners "Will Come to Terms" in a Few Days.

Washington, May 2.—Announcing a policy of no compromise on the question of a 15 per cent wage reduction for the shipping board, the American Shipowners' Association today declared that the union leaders' refusal to accept the board's offer was a "walkout" of marine workers in all ports. The association's statement, which was issued in New York, said that the union leaders' refusal to accept the board's offer was a "walkout" of marine workers in all ports. The association's statement, which was issued in New York, said that the union leaders' refusal to accept the board's offer was a "walkout" of marine workers in all ports.

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# Corrupt Practices Act Unconstitutional U. S. May Bring Pressure on Panama

## Supreme Court So Holds in Setting Aside the Conviction of Senator Newberry.

Washington, May 2.—Setting aside the conviction of Senator Truman H. Newberry of Michigan, and sixteen others, for violation of the federal corrupt practices act, the supreme court held today that the act was unconstitutional. The court was unanimous in reversing the conviction and divided five to four as to the validity of the law. Chief Justice White and Associate Justices Clegg, Brandeis, and McReynolds dissented from the court's findings that congress was without power to regulate state primaries, but concurred in the reversal. They thought, should have been based on the error of the trial judge's instruction to the jury.

Justice McKenna, while concurring in the majority opinion "as applied to the statute under consideration," reserved the question of the power of congress under the seventeenth amendment—which provides for direct election of senators—to supervise primaries.

Opinion was divided in the senate as to the effect of the decision upon future action. The majority opinion, which was announced today, held that the decision would have no effect upon the Michigan election of 1918, in which Henry Ford, as the democratic candidate, opposed Mr. Newberry for re-election. The majority opinion, which was announced today, held that the decision would have no effect upon the Michigan election of 1918, in which Henry Ford, as the democratic candidate, opposed Mr. Newberry for re-election.

On the other hand, Senator Spencer, chairman of the subcommittee which has been considering the Ford-Newberry case, announced that despite the decision, inquiry would be continued to determine, said, who was elected and as well as a number of charges of fraud.

Senator Newberry, who was not in his seat in the senate since he was convicted and sentenced to serve two years in the Leavenworth prison, and was a \$10,000 fine. He was in Detroit today.

The court's decision was that the direct election amendment had not affected Section 4, Article I, which provides for the election of senators by state legislatures. The majority opinion said, while it gave congress the power to regulate the manner of holding elections did not control the manner of selecting primary parties or conventions for selection of candidates for federal offices.

Domestic affairs of the states would be left to the states, and liberties reserved to the people would be preserved. The opinion, under existing laws, was held to have control over primaries, the opinion said.

Chief Justice White, in his dissenting opinion, said he favored reversal of judgment obtained in the lower courts against Senator Newberry and sixteen others. He said that the constitution, because of the grave misapprehension, and grievous manipulation of the statute which the conviction and sentence were based upon.

The chief justice made the prediction that legislation would be enacted to give congress power over primaries, otherwise, the dissenting opinion "cannot live." The dissenting opinion, which was announced today, held that the decision would have no effect upon the Michigan election of 1918, in which Henry Ford, as the democratic candidate, opposed Mr. Newberry for re-election.

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# FRANCE ORDER DEBARS TELEPHONE REPARATIONS

## France Has Called the Class of 1919 to the Colors—Two Divisions Have Left Military Headquarters at Mayence, Ready to Advance into the Ruhr Region—Germany Will Have Until May 12 to Accept the Ultimatum of the Allies Respecting the Payment of Reparations—Premier Briand Announces That the Allied Supreme Council Has "Almost" Reached an Agreement—United States Informs Germany That the Counter-Proposals Are Unacceptable.

French Military Headquarters, May 2.—The drafting committee is still at work on the details of the terms, but hopes to conclude its report in time for tomorrow's meeting, which will be attended by the military and naval experts. The protracted meeting today is understood to have been due to the long discussion over the guarantee to be demanded of Germany for payment of reparations. Finally an agreement was reached.

Should Germany fail to accept the terms within the stipulated time, the French plans for occupation of the Ruhr, with a possible demonstration, as the part of the British, will be carried out and the proceeds of German revenue, such as customs, will be appropriated towards payment of the annual obligation.

In addition to the chief of the financial section present at today's meeting, Sir Robert Stevenson, British ambassador in Berlin, was also present. The British ambassador in Berlin, was also present. The British ambassador in Berlin, was also present.

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